

News Release



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Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Making Changes to Hunt Programs

The Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Genesee and Orleans Counties is making a number of changes to their hunt programs beginning with the 2009-2010 hunt season. The refuge will incorporate the use of standardized application forms and permits which is necessary to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Privacy Act.

Beginning with the 2009-2010 season the refuge will be instituting combination Refuge Hunt Brochures/Permits. The refuge is producing two new brochures: one for "Deer Hunting", and the other for "Small Game and Other Migratory Bird Hunting". When signed on the front they will serve as valid permits for the duration of the State hunting seasons except that there is no hunting before October 1 or after the end of February. The brochure(s)/permit(s) must be on the hunter's person while hunting on the refuge. These brochures will replace the daily permits which were required in the past. Brochures will be available at any of the five hunter information kiosks, at the refuge office or via mail. Harvest reports will be optional this year; however, the information they provide to the refuge is valuable and we hope hunters will voluntarily complete these reports. Harvest reports can be obtained from the refuge office or downloaded as follows: for upland small game -- <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2362.pdf>; for migratory birds other than waterfowl (woodcock, snipe and rail) --

<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2361.pdf>; and for big game (deer and turkey)

<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2359>. The refuge allows turkey hunting in the spring only. Note these are standard forms that are being used across the country; therefore, some of the species listed or information requested on the forms is not applicable to our area.

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Waterfowl hunters will need to complete a Waterfowl Hunt Lottery application form to enter into the drawing to hunt on the first two Saturdays of the regular waterfowl season. Forms can be obtained in person or via mail from the refuge office on Casey Road or by downloading a PDF version from the following website: <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2355.pdf>. There will also be a link on the refuge website <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois>. Standardized Waterfowl Application forms and Migratory Bird Hunt Reports will be issued when hunters check in at the waterfowl permit station on each of the hunt days. The refuge is open to waterfowl hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of the first split until the shotgun deer season opens.

For additional information, contact refuge staff at 585-948-5445. Also consult our website and printed fact sheets.

Iroquois NWR is located midway between Buffalo and Rochester, NY and is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Individuals with disabilities and any other person who may need special assistance to participate in this program should contact the Refuge at 585/948-5445 or at the Federal Relay No. 1-800-877-8339.

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